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SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR TO CANADA ON ICCS

REFS: A. STATE 129025, B. TEHRAN 4642, C. STATE 125123.

1. REFS A, B AND C BEING REPEATED TO YOU SEPARATELY.

2. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MALAYSIAN OPTION ACCORD-
ING TO PLAN, BUT IF IN THE END MALAYSIANS TURN DOWN THE
INVITATION TO REPLACE CANADA (BY CLAIMING INABILITY TO COME
UP WITH ENOUGH PERSONNEL) WE WILL HAVE TO REACH PROMPT AND
FIRM AGREEMENT WITH THIEU ON NEXT MOST FAVORED CANDIDATE.

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3. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE ON RECORD WITH EMBASSY SAIGON AND OTHER POSTS AS BEING WILLING TO CONSIDER IRAN (REF C). HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS GRAVE RESERVATIONS AS INDICAT IN REF B AND IN HIS REPLY TO AN EARLIER NSC INQUIRY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT IF MALAYSIA IS NOT WILLING, WE SHOULD SHIFT OUR ATTENTION TO BRAZIL WHICH, AS YOU WILL RECALL, HAS BEEN HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PREFERENCES. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BRAZIL WAS THE ORIGINAL CANDIDATE TO REPLACE

CANADA.

5. IF YOU AGREE, WE WOULD THEN INSTRUCT SAIGON TO SEEK THIEU' S CONCURRENCE AND THEN IN TURN THE CONCURRENCE OF INDONESIANS. ONCE THESE PRELIMINARIES ARE ACCOMPLISHED, WE WOULD PLAN A COORDINATED US- GVN APPROACH TO BRAZILIANS.

6. REGRET DISTURBING YOU BUT, SINCE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FIRMLY SCHEDULED FOR END OF JULY, BELIEVE WE MAY HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE. RUSH

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